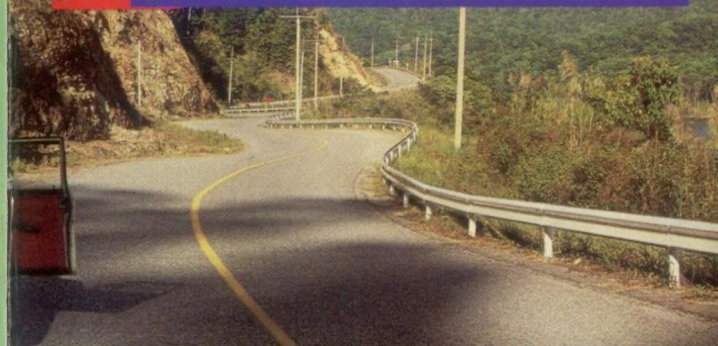


BETONG

You'll never know if you don't go



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Betong is a district of Yala Province , situated in the Southernmost province of Thailand in Sankalakhiri Mountainrange. Bordering is Perak and Dedah States, Malaysia It has an area of 1,328 square kilometres. Most of an area covered with numerous high hills, plateau, mountain and forest. It is about 140 kilometres from Yala Province and 1,224 kilometres from Bangkok. Betong is 1,900 feet above sea level.

BETONG

is a name in the Malay language meaning "bamboo" It is. Administratively divided in

to 4 tambons. They are Yarom, Aiyerweng, Tanohmaeroh, Tan Namtip, and one municipality is Tambon Betong Municipality.



Social Perspective:

Betong has a population of around 48,487 which can be classified into two major groups: about 50% Muslims, about 40% Chinese. Another 10% are Buddhists and others. The majority of its people are agriculturists.

Climate: Betong is under the influence of the Southwest and Northeast Monsoons. There is a lot of rain and the weather is nice and cool with fog in the morning.

That is why it has got the name “A town in the mist with beautiful flowers”. The average temperature is between 21-31 degrees Celsius.

Important Attractions



The world's largest mail-box

is situated at the Clock Tower Intersection. It was built in 1924 by Mr. Sa-nguan Jirajinda, former Head of Betong Post and Telegraph Office and the Lord Mayor of Betong. The purpose of this mail-box is to distribute news and to give services in posting and distributing mails for Betong people. It is made of reinforced concrete, with a cylindrical shape divided into two

parts: the base and the box. The circumference of the base is 265 cm. and that of the box is 240 cm. Its total height is 320 cm. At present, it is still used as an ordinary mail-box.



Swallows from Siberia

are a symbol of Betong. Each year, hundreds of thousand of swallows migrating from Siberia can be seen of roof tops and electricity lines in downtown Betong at night from September to March.



Buddha's relics. The stupa is considered the biggest and most beautiful in the South. It was built to celebrate the 60th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen and is dedicated to the Queen who named it “Phra Mahathat Chedi Phra Buddha Dhamma Prakat” meaning “Lord Buddha has made known his Dhamma”

Siam Southernmost Border Point Park,

commonly known as Tambon Betong Municipality Park, has an area of 120 rai on the hill in the center of Betong and hence, is a beautiful scenic point in Betong. Lined with trees,

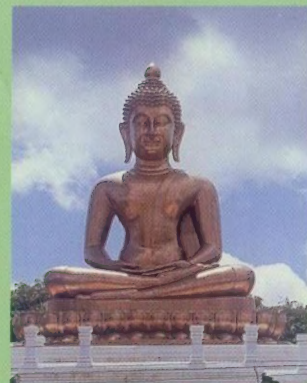
The Clock Tower

is situated at the intersection at the center of the town. It is a beautiful construction made of marble as old as the town itself. The base is decorated with a sculpture of “Hemara” which is an animal in a Thai Myth, and that of a swallow.



Phra Mahathat Chedi Phra BuddhaDhamma Prakat

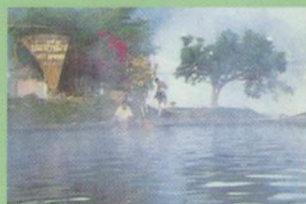
(The stupa enclosing the Buddha's relics) situated at Budehadvivas, Rattanakit Road. The structure of the stupa is an adaptation of Sri Wichai style. It is 39 meters wide, 39.9 meters high. Within the stupa is the



flowering plants, bird garden, health garden and Sala (pavillion) Piromtat, the park is an ideal place to exercise or simply relax.



Hot Spring The hot spring is situated at Ban Bo Nam Ron, Tambon Tanohmearoh, 5 kilometers from the town of Betong on Highway No. 410 and another 8 kilometers off this highway on an asphalt road. The heat of the spring water can hard-boil eggs in 7 minutes. Both locals and tourists love to bathe in mineral water which is believed to cure body aches and skin diseases. Mineral bath services are provided for interested people at the rate of 40 baht per hour.



Inthasorn Waterfall

is situated 2 kilometers from the hot spring and 15 kilometers from the town of Betong. A small waterfall originated from a mountain surrounded by a shady forest, Inthasorn Waterfall is a pleasant place suitable for swimming and relaxing.

Piyamit Tunnel situated at Ban Piyamit 1, Tambon Tanohmaero, Amphur Betong, another 3 kilometers from the hot spring. An asphalt road leads to the village of Piyamit 1 which is on a mountain surrounded by thick forest. This village was first settled by a group of people called Thailand Joint-developers in 1976 to be used as an operation base for the Malaya Communist Guerrillas to escape from air attacks and to store provisions. The village houses a



tunnel previously used as a guerrillas stronghold for the guerrillas taking 3 months for 40-50 people to dig. The tunnel is approximately 1 kilometer long and some 50-60 feet wide and has a seating capacity 200. Only 6 of the original 9 passageways are left to be seen. Presently, the tunnel is open for the public to visit its exhibition of life in a jungle. Mushrooms and medicinal herbs from the forest are also on sale for visitors.

Betong's Special Dishes



1. Betong Chicken is a dish of boiled locally bred chicken, chopped and seasoned with white soy sauce.



2. Steamed Chinese Fish with Salted Chinese Apricot is a dish of Chinese fish specially raised in Betong only. It can be cooked in many different ways.



3. Water Vegetable is a vegetable grown in creeks in Betong only. It can be made into a soup or fried with oyster sauce or other seasonings. It makes delicious dishes.



4. Kao Yok is a pork dish made from a cut of pork which has been cut from flank or back with the skin left intact, then cooked with taro.

Local Products

Betong Noodles

are yellow noodles which are soft but not easily broken when cooked.

White Soy Sauce

is a product made from soy bean in Amphur Betong.

Shogun Orange

is similar to mandarin but with a softer juicy texture and much better smell and taste.

List of Accommodation in Betong District Area Code 073

	RATE	TEL/FAX
1. Grandview Grandvilla Rd.	690-750.-	245510-6
2. Betong City Plaza Thamvithi Rd.	300-800.-	230441-3
3. Cathay Chantarothai Rd.	590-640.-	230996-9
4. Jacky Chan Sukkhayang Rd.	250-350.-	230710
5. Sometime Kunungchanong Rd.	400-800.-	245611
6. Thai Hotel Rattanakij Rd.	200-350.-	231036
7. Nice Resort Sukkhayang Rd.	800-2,500.-	245620-40
8. Betong Merlin Chayachawalit Rd.	875-3, 600.-	230222
9. Betong Hotel Saritdej Rd.	120-250.-	231231
10. Penthouse Rattanasatien Rd.	580-720.-	231501
11. Fortuna Pakdidamrong Rd.	500-600.-	231180
12. Fa-anrung Chantarothai Rd.	120-220.-	231403
13. My House Rattanakij Rd.	250-450.-	230525
14. Sricharenn Chirachinda Rd.	120-200.-	230537
15. Sribetong Thamvithi Rd.	200-400.-	231560
16. Sangfa Rattanasatien Rd.	130-250.-	231195

RESTAURANT

1. Ta Yern	253 Sukkhayang Rd.	Tel. 230461
2. Tai Cihy	1 Teschinda Rd.	Tel. 230459
3. New Cihy	180-2 Sukkhayang Rd.	Tel. 231344
4. Tarathip Tour	155/57 Mu 2 T. Tanohmaero	Tel. 230955
5. Bualoung	398 Sukkhayang Rd.	Tel. 230046
6. Baiyok	227 Sukkhayang Rd.	Tel. 230763
7. Phirabdang	37 Saritdet Rd.	Tel. 231705
8. Betong Caca	21 Chayachawalit Rd.	Tel. 231826

JOURNEY

From Betong Town to Tourist Attractions car rent van, Taxi or tuk-tuk, about 1,000-1,500 bath/per day or car contact with

- ★ - New frient Tour Tel. 073-245291-2
- ★ - Betong Newstar Tour Tel. 073-231274
- Taxi Tel. 073-230447, 231326

BETONG - YALA

BUS stand opposite SIAM CITY BANK.
The fare is 41 bath/person.

TAXI stand opposite **THE FIRST BANGKOK BANK** and **CLOCK TOWER**.
Tel. 231326, 230447 Departure time from 06.00 a.m. - 17.00 p.m. The fare is 80 bath/person.

VAN stand in front of **JACKY CHAN HOTEL**. The fare is 60 bath/person.

YALA - BETONG

Van, Bus, Taxi stand opposite **RAILWAY STATION** Tel. 212216, 214522

AIR-CONDITIONED VAN FROM BETONG TO HAT YAI

depart 06.00 a.m., 08.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 01.30 p.m., 03.00 p.m. Tel. (073) 231924, 230287, 231640

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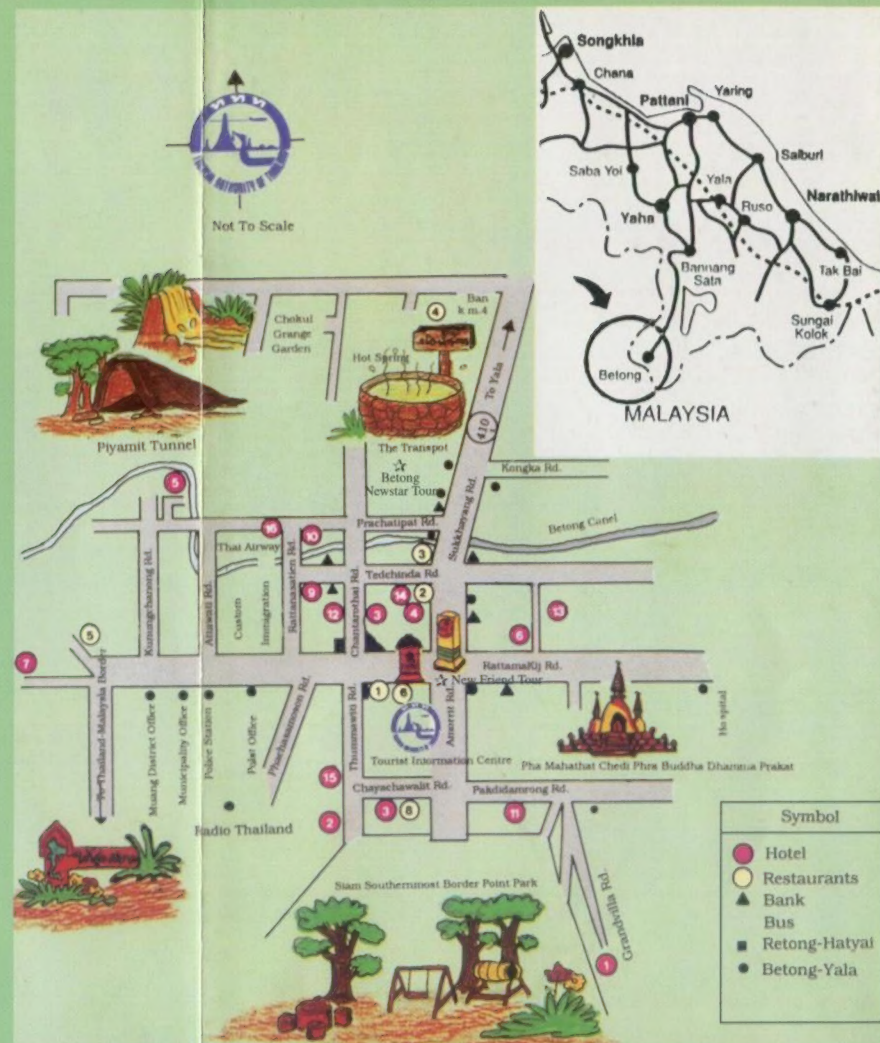
depart 09.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 15.00 p.m.
Tel. (074) 230905, 238979, 233917-8

BETONG - BANGKON

Tel. 231452
D. 01.30 p.m. A. 08.00 a.m.
The fare is 520 bath/person.

BANGKOK - BETONG

Tel. 02- 4355015
D. 04.00 p.m. A. 10.00 a.m.



USEFUL CALLS IN BETONG

Mobile Police	191
Fire Brigades	199
Hospital	231025
Police Station	231317
Custom House	231194
Immigration Office	231292
Municipal Office	231214
Tourist Information Centre	232039
Betong District Administration Office	231264